(b) the details of foreign exchange earned by the Government from tourism during the above Plan period as on date, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b). The target on foreign exchange earning from tourism fixed for the terminal year 1996-97 of Eighth Plan at the time of formulating the Plan was Rs. 7000 crores. The estimated foreign exchange earnings during each of the years in the Plan period were as given below:-

Year	Foreign Exchange Earning (Rs. in crores)
1992-93	6060.0
1993-94	6970.3
1994-95	7365.6*
1995-96	9185.9*

* Provisional

Contract for Doubling of Railway Line

2879. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether contracts/tenders have been invited for works of doubling of rail line between Mangalore and Shoranore;

(b) whether the functions relating to these contracts/ tenders are being performed at Madras rather than in Kerala;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is no control of Senior Accountants over the financial matters concerning this work; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some tenders have been invited for this work.

(b) No, Sir. Tenders are being invited from Madras, Calicut and Cannanore.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Vacant Posts in Railways

2880. SHRI SUBRATA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in different zonal railways and different production units, zone-wise, unit-wise and division-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of persons recruited during the current year, zone-wise, unit-wise and division-wise and

(c) the steps being taken to fill up all existing vacancies in Indian Railways particularly in group-'B' and 'D'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) The approximate number of non-gazetted posts lying vacant in different Zonal Railways and different Production Unuts as on 31.3.96 are as under :-

Zonal Railways			*Production Units*		
CR	-	14101	CLW	-	810
ER	-	12572	DCW	-	539
NR	-	19158	DLW	-	407
NER	-	8330	ICF	-	1273
NFR	-	7352	RCF	-	1136
SR	-	5579	W&AP	-	67
SCR	-	8448			
SER	-	23354			
WR	-	12637			

However, division-wise details are not maintained.

As far as gazetted staff is concerned the information is being collected.

[Translation]

Railways Land

2881. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that railway land attached with the Divisional Office of Northern Railway Men's Union at Allahabad on the City Side has been let out to an outsider on monthly rent of Rs. 500/- for running a shop;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether rent realised by Divisional Secretary every month is being deposited with the Railways or the same is being enjoyed by office bearers for their personal gain;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to allot additional land for letting out to outsiders by the Uttariya Railway Mazdoor Union at Allahabad on the Civil Lines side; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.